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SUBJECT: ICJ ELECTIONS- WEO CANDIDACIES

1. WEO GROUP CHAIRMAN HARRY CONSULTED WITH 5 WEO MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT NOON ON 14 NOVEMBER. UK AND ITALY SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE PRINCIPAL WEO CANDIDATES, THEY WILL VOTE FOR WHOMEVER AT THE MOMENT OF VOTING SEEMS TO HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED. DELOFF GAVE DEPARTMENT'S APPRAISAL. FRANCE (JEANNE) STATED FRANCE WILL UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES VOTE FOR HAMBRO. HARRY SAID THAT THE ONLY GLIMMER OF HOPE OF REDUCING THE COMPETITION HE HAS HAD IS THAT NORWAY AND THE FRG EACH AGREE TO WITHDRAW AFTER THE 1ST BALLOT IN FAVOR OF WHOMEVER HAS RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, HARRY CONTINUED, IF THE STRONG GERMAN AND NORWEGIAN CANDIDACIES ARE PRESENTED FOR THE 1ST BALLOT, THE RESULT MAY BE THAT POLAND, 3 ASIANS AND AN AFRICAN MAY ACHIEVE MAJORITIES IN BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE ASSEMBLY, THUS EXCLUDING A SECOND CHANCE FOR THE WEO'S. THE DISCUSSION ENDED WITH HARRY BEING AUTHORIZED BY THE 5 WEO MEMBERS (LESS SWEDEN, OF COURSE) TO APPEAL TO THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE.

2. WHEN HARRY REFERRED TO THIS APPEAL AT AN AFTERNOON MEETING OF THE FULL WEO GROUP, THE FRG AND NORWAY NOTED THAT
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THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE IN TOUCH AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THE

MATTER OVER THE WEEKEND. THE UK MADE A STRONG AND DETAILED ANALYSIS WHICH CONCLUDED THAT IF BOTH NORWAY AND THE FRG GO INTO THE ELECTIONS, THE RESULT WILL BE THAT POLAND AND 3 ASIANS WILL BE ELECTED, AND THAT, ON THE SECOND BALLOT, WHICH WILL BE LIMITED TO THE ONE REMAINING VACANCY, AN AFRICAN WILL BE ELECTED; THUS THE WEO SEAT WILL BE PERMANENTLY LOST. SWITZERLAND SAID BINDSCHENDLER WILL WITHDRAW IF THE OTHER WEO'S ARE ABLE TO AGREE ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE. FINLAND STATED IT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THE MANNER CANDIDACY.

3. THE UK ASKED FRANCE AND DELOFF TO STAY ON FOR A TRILATERAL DISCUSSION ON HOW OUR VOTES MIGHT BEST BE CAST IN THE COUNCIL IF BOTH NORWAY AND THE FRG STAY IN THE RACE. THE UK BELIEVES THAT MOSLER OF THE FRG HAS BY FAR THE BEST CHANCE IN THE COUNCIL; THEY BELIEVE HE WILL HAVE 3-4 WEO VOTES PLUS CAMEROON, COSTA RICA AND JAPAN, THEY THINK THE ONLY CERTAIN VOTE FOR HAMBRO WOULD BE THAT OF THE US WERE THE US TO VOTE ITS FIRST PREFERENCE. FRENCH REP JEANNEL REITERATED PARIS' ADAMANT OPPOSITION TO HAMBRO (WHICH THE UK LATER PRIVATELY CONFIRMED AS BEING APPARENTLY UNALTERABLE). DELOFF WAS NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT THAT FRENCH WOULD VOTE FOR HAMBRO ON SECOND BALLOT IF HE GETS A LARGE MAJORITY IN THE ASSEMBLY ON THE FIRST BALLOT. UK AND FRANCE THEN APPEALED TO US TO VOTE FOR MOSLER ON THE FIRST BALLOT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE WEO SEAT. DELOFF MERELY SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE INFORM THE MISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE UK-FRENCH APPEAL AND THE REASONS FOR IT. DELOFF OBSERVED THAT ONE RESULT THAT WOULD BE INTOLERABLE WOULD BE THE LOSS OF THE WEO SEAT TO THE LIKES OF A MARXIST SUCH AS TARAZI OF SYRIA.

4. THE UK AND FRANCE INDICATED THEY TOO MAY BE VOTING ONLY FOR ODA OF JAPAN AS AMONG THE ASIANS IN ORDER TO LESSEN THE DANGER THAT THE WEO SEAT WILL BE LOST TO ASIA ON THE FIRST BALLOT.
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